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Didsbury reminded to turn on lights

Didsbury residents are being reminded to turn on their lights in anticipation of the arrival of judges for the Winter Lights celebration.

Judges will arrive in town on Dec. 5 and organizers are hoping that residents will participate by putting up lights this year.

Winter Lights Celebration is a national competition encouraging municipalities, large and small throughout Canada to celebrate light with decorative, cultural and spiritual programs, with the objective of creating attractions for tourism from within Canada and abroad. In the competition Didsbury falls into the Under 5,000 category and is competing against 18 communities.

photo by Richard Westlund

Bundle of joy

Santa, who was in town during "A Didsbury Country Christmas", spent a few moments with one of the youngest good boys in the world Wyatt Tymchyshyn.

Health authority merger plan brings mixed reviews

by Richard Westlund and Dan Singleton

More than 400,000 west central Alberta residents will likely find themselves in a new health region comprised of all or substantial parts of Health Region #5, the David Thompson Region, and the Crossroads Region starting April 1, according to several sources.

The province announced Thursday it will merge the existing 17 provincial regions into nine new larger regions.

The David Thompson Health Region includes Sundre, Olds and Red Deer. Health Authority #5 includes Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield. The Crossroads Health Region, north of Red Deer, includes Drayton Valley and Wetaskiwin.

A informal tri-regional cooperative agreement among the three regions has been in effect for several months, although an official merger under the agreement has not taken place.

"We're anticipating the new central region will be based largely around the proposed tri-region, but there may be some changes that may need to be made," said Al Martin, president of Health Region #5.

The tri-regional agreement was put together in anticipation of the boundary changes, he noted.

"We started the initiative prior to the actually boundary changes being considered by the province. We sort of did it in anticipation, there was a lot of talk that boundaries would change and we thought we'd be proactive and ahead of it."

A map outlining the new regions will be released in about two weeks.

While the exact make up of the new central Alberta region isn't known, there is no chance Health Region #5 will be merged with the Calgary Health Region to the south, said Martin.

All 17 health regions were formed in 1994 as part of province-wide restructuring. Two-thirds of RHA members were elected last fall for three year terms.

The David Thompson Health Region encompasses 189,000 residents, Health Region #5 has 120,000 residents, and Crossroad also has 120,000 residents. There are several dozen health care facilities in the regions.

Jean Graham is the chairperson of the David Thompson Health Region.

Asked if she anticipates the tri-regional areas eventually making up a new larger central Alberta region, she said, "Yes, I gathered that from what the minister said, but he's not at liberty to release the map yet. That's kind of what we've been told, but other than a brief conversation last night (Thursday) with the minister, that's all he said, that he feels comfortable with saying, because caucus is still tweaking.

"He did talk very supportive about our (tri-regional) proposal and I did have a chance to ask him about it and he said it was looked upon favourably by caucus, but I think there is going to be some tweakings to those lines, but I haven't seen anything so I don't know.

"We're just up in the air, which is a little frustrating, but I realize the government has to go through its processes too."

Has the work with the tri-regional group given the regions a good head start?

"I would hope so, that it would lay the foundation groundwork for us working together, and being able to work with our communities," she said.

The regions will continue to manage their own organizations until the mergers are implemented, said Martin.

The province said it will announce sometime before March 31, 2003 whether the new boards will include all or some of the elected RHA members voted in during last fall's first-ever RHA elections.

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Members of the Rosebud Health Foundation and organizers of the annual Tree of Hope fundraiser gathered together to have a look at a Hillrom bed last week, used for patients in the palliative care program at the Didsbury Hospital.

Combined fundraising efforts lead to $10,000 hospital bed

by Richard Westlund

A statement of what is possible was made at the hospital last week when two different parties inspected what was purchased through different fundraising initiatives.

Members of the Rosebud Health Foundation and organizers of the annual Tree of Hope fundraiser gathered together to have a look at a Hillrom bed, used for patients in the palliative care program at the Didsbury Hospital.

The $10,000 piece of equipment was purchased earlier this year using $1,500 in Tree of Hope money and the rest being donated by Rosebud.

"I think it really shows what we are capable of doing when we are able to work together," said Tree of Hope organizer and Chair of Palliative care Dawna Faryna. "It shows that together we are able to go over and above for the people we look after."

The bed has controls which make it easier for patients to adjust for their own comfort needs.

Faryna said it gives patients more independence - which is one of the goals of the palliative care program.

The bed has been used for six months steady now and this was the first chance hospital staff got to show it off.

"We were very fortunate that Rosebud recognized our efforts and offered to assist us because it would have taken a lot of Tree of Hope funding to purchase it ourselves.

The Tree of Hope campaign is once again up and running in the community. Donations can be made in memory of loved ones who have passed on and will be represented with blue bulbs. Fuscia bulbs will be lit as greetings of hope to families and friends.

The fundraiser is organized by the Didsbury District Health Services Palliative Care Committee in association with the Rosebud Health Foundation. All donations will be used to enhance the comfort and quality of care provided to individuals who require palliative care in the community.

Faryna said the best campaign raised $2,700 and she is hoping to surpass that this year.

Donations can be dropped off at the front desk of the Didsbury Hospital or mailed to D.D.H.S. PO Bag 130, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0.

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NRCB HEARING

Compliance meant feedlot would go under - owners

AAA Cattle company grilled at hearing

by Richard Westlund

Owners of AAA Cattle Company, located about ten miles east of Didsbury, told the Natural Resource Conservation Board that following regulations set out for them in a County Development permit would put them out of business at a hearing last week.

During intense cross examination by lawyers representing residents living near the feedlot and NRCB legal Council, feedlot owners Simon Cobban and Gerald Morasch stated that economics forced them to operate at about 4,000 cattle because it was a break-even point.

The hearings that took place at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Nov. 27 was to decide whether a stay of an enforcement order to have AAA Cattle reduce its herd size to legal numbers and to determine what issues could be discussed at the company's appeal hearing regarding the recent NRCB application denial of a combined 2,000 head beef finisher and 16,200 head beef feeder facility.

The three-panel board did not come out with a decision the day of the meeting.

When Cobban and Morasch initially took the stand, their lawyer Keith Wilson introduced, what he called at the time, a permit that had been granted in January of 1998. Previously in the day witnesses testified that AAA Cattle Company built their pens without a development permit. Wilson said those claims were unfounded when he introduced the document.

AAA Cattle Company owners Gerald Morasch and Simon Cobban give their testimony at a NRCB hearing in Didsbury last week.

Upon cross-examination it was revealed that the document was not a permit but a "notice of decision" that outlined conditions that needed to be met in order to obtain a permit.

Cobban stated the two thought what they had was a permit and referred to it as a permit during the proceedings last week.

Cobban and Morasch received a letter from John Rusling of the Mountain View Count Planning office clearly outlining AAA Cattle Company was not given a permit at the time.

"Back in February of 1998, we wrote to you saying that your development permit would be issued when certain information was supplied to us. This has not happened and we have issued no development permit for you. I also understand you have some animals on site. I would like to meet with you so we can go over the situation and see what work remains to be done," stated the letter.

The issue of non-compliance for the County permit AAA Cattle was given by Mountain View County on Dec. 19, 2000 was also strongly argued by lawyers representing Lone Pine residents.

Alex MacWilliam, Committee for Lone Pine lawyer, asked Morasch, who testified he was a City of Calgary Fire Fighter for 27 years and retired as a captain, what he would do if we went to night club, as a fire fighter, that had a permit for 2,500 people but that there were closer to 4,000 people in it.

Morasch said he would call an inspector and that he was not in a position to answer the question.

When Cobban was asked by MacWilliam if he thought he was gambling with the company and the well-being of his employees, the feedlot owner said that going to the legal amount of 2,500 head would mean getting rid of his employees.

"The break-even point is about 4,000 head. If we went any lower we wouldn't be here (discussing this)," he said.

Cobban was also taken to task about a written deposition that was submitted to the panel. In it he wrote since the NRCB took over the issue, he had been in compliance when it came to the order given. The NRCB gave AAA Cattle Company until Aug. 31 to arrive at compliance numbers and that more cattle had to be going out of the feedlot than coming in. In the months leading up to the deadline, numbers dropped but the company was still hovered around the 4,000 mark.

Cobban said he thought the NRCB would have had a decision before the deadline and the application looked like it would go ahead. A positive decision would have brought him into compliance.

Lawyer David Reay asked, "Is avoidance compliance?"

No decisions were reached on the issue of a stay on the enforcement order or the issues that will be discussed at AAA Cattle Company's appeal hearing.

HEALTH AUTHORITIES *continued from Page 1*

Grant Hemming, an elected member of the Health Authority #5 said he hopes the new boards will contain elected members, but maintained delivery is the primary concern of all currently established boards.

Graham doesn't have a preference for elected or appointed members on the new board.

"I feel whoever is at the table, whether they get there by election or by appointment is there for the right reason, when you're there you're doing the job," she said. "I'm not overly concerned whether it is an election or an appointment."

Health Minister Gary Mar said the new mergers are being undertaken to "improve services as regions take advantage of cost efficiencies possible with a larger population base, and then use the savings to better respond to local health needs."

In an interview in Didsbury on Thursday, Mar said whether board members are appointed or elected is not the key issue for him.

"More important than the members on the board is how health care is delivered," said Mar. "It's not if we have all elected people. The issue of how it's governed is a second concern."

Mar told a PC fundraising event at the 5-0 Club in Didsbury that rural facilities could see an expanded role in how healthcare is delivered.

He said some Calgary facilities are "jammed to the rafters at 103 per cent capacity" and that rural areas could be used to divert some of that pressure.

He also talked about rural centres of excellence where a rural hospital could be used for specialized procedures.

Combining health authorities will reduce administration costs and will focus more dollars on the delivery of health care, he said.

By way of example, he said he would rather spend $60,000 on a nurse than on two administrative positions.

In an interview Friday, Liberal opposition health critic Kevin Taft said the Klein government will almost certainly do away with the elected boards.

"They are doing away with the very organizations that the people were elected to govern, so once the organization is gone or radically changed, their positions are no longer what they were elected for," said Taft. "It's clear the government is going to appoint the new board members.

"Rural Alberta will lose their voice in health care delivery. The rural board members, I think, were closer to their voters than in urban areas by virtue that they are smaller centres."

The province should have had a public independent review of regionalization, he said, but "instead they have done it behind closed doors and turned it into a political football game."

The Health Sciences Association of Alberta, representing 12,000 health care workers, called the region mergers a political ploy by the provincial government.

"Eliminating eight health regions just one year after the RHA elections is a slap in the face to the democratic process. The government is obviously not prepared to give elected board members a chance to serve out their mandate," said HSAA president Elizabeth Ballermann.

Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar was in Didsbury last week and talked to local residents about the change in the number of health authorities.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Fullfilling mandates

RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

With the changes in the number of health regions in the province slated for next year, we could see board members we elected at the end of last year removed from their positions.

Last fall, for the first time, Albertans were able to elect two-thirds of the members representing them on their respective health authorities.

It is assumed that what is now Health Authority 5 will merge with David Thompson and Crossroads health authorities. That will mean one board will take the place of three. If the boards have the same number of members as before, it stands to reason some elected members will likely be let go.

When I talked to Gary Mar at a PC fundraiser held in Didsbury, he said he hadn't made up his mind whether the new boards would contain elected members or not. He said the delivery of health care is more important than who sits on the boards.

The delivery of health care is important, but what is more important is protecting Albertans fundamental rights. The right to elect members of government is crucial to protect. When one individual is able to change the rules halfway through a mandate, citizens should be wary. What was the point of voting if the person who is voted in is impeded in fulfilling his or her mandate?

Health Authority 5, Crossroads and David Thompson have already proven that cooperation can be used to save costs and expand services.

Mar should encourage that kind of cooperation throughout the province and perhaps between those regions that may become a single region in the future.

And then when election time comes again he can change the rules to fit his plans.

That way voters have been justly represented and time not been wasted in beginning on an initiative to make healthcare delivery more effective.

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Ponderings of the heart

"Gifts for Our Children"

by Margaret Fradley

Our son recently visited us and requested I write a short article on this subject.

As a gift for our youngest granddaughter, we purchased a "Fisher Price" Child's Kitchen with an assortment of dishes and pots and pans. We felt she would get several years of enjoyment out of these.

However, as we pondered over the money and varied gifts children get these days, it is apparent they have more toys, puzzles, books and other means of entertaining themselves as never before; and yet parents seem to have less time as it takes even more of their time to entertain their children. A point to ponder.

Years ago our children would take an old blanket, laying it over a number of chairs and that was their tent. They played for hours.

What has taken place that we need more and more activities for our children and yet we have less and less time? Could it be they have far too many toys to choose from and it becomes confusing to them?

Perhaps making more time to play with and spend with our children is good. But it does make one ponder, it can take away from their own personal originality in making up their own fun and games.

MLA COLUMN

Celebrating respect for the rights, freedom and dignity of others

from Richard Marz's office

December 10, 2002, will mark 54 years since International Human Rights Day was declared by the General Assembly of the United Nations. On that day in 1948 - 3 years after the end of WWII - the world's nations proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, thereby pledging their commitment to a society respectful of basic human sights. Today, 150 countries have put signatures to the declaration's 30 articles. A Canadian diplomat and scholar, John Humphrey, was the principal author of the declaration.

International Human Rights Day will be celebrated in communities, provinces, territories, states and nations around the world. For some, it will be an opportunity to speak out against human rights abuses and injustice. For others, it will be a time to reflect on the rights and freedoms that can so easily be taken for granted.

What does this day mean to us as Albertans? What can we do to make the most of December 10th? Each of us lives in a community made up of people with different ethnic backgrounds, traditions, belief, abilities, physical characteristics and perspectives. One measure of our success as a civilized society is our ability to live in harmony with those who do not necessarily share our traits or viewpoints. Last year's tragedy in the United States only reinforces the need to be vigilant, not just about our safety and peace of mind, but also about protecting the rights, freedom and dignity of others.

A day with "international" in it may seem like it only applies to the world "out there" instead of big city or small town Alberta. "Human rights" can sound like it has more to do with a third world dictatorship than a modern democratic society. Thankfully, many Albertans understand the importance of human rights. According to an independent annual survey, the vast majority of Albertans who responded - 96% - believe that having an environment free of discrimination is important. According to another study, 90% of Alberta's employers said it is important to be informed about human rights. Being aware and informed about human rights issues is critical to building a society that is free from prejudice. Taking part in International Human Rights Day can also make a difference.

This December 10th, share in the world community and commit to taking action. Whether in our communities, our schools, our work places, or other aspects of our lives, we can all make a difference. This does not have to be a huge or onerous undertaking. It can be as simple as taking a moment to think about our own attitudes or attending a local event. Whatever we do, we all can help end discrimination, racism and hatred.

The Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, which is an independent agency of the Alberta government, has a Human Rights Day Kit to help individuals and groups undertake an activity, hold an event or take action to commemorate International Human Rights Day. Visit the commission Web site at www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca for a copy of the kit. Albertans are also invited to call the commission in Edmonton at (780) 427-3116 or in Calgary at (403) 297-6571. To be connected toll free in Alberta, dial 310-0000 first, then the area code and the phone number. Or, for more information, please contact my constituency at 403-556-3132.

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Remember the food bank during the Christmas season

Dear Editor,

Christmas is fast approaching and with the beautiful weather it is hard to catch the spirit of Christmas.

The farmers are still trying to salvage what they can of this meagre crop.

Many others are sitting wondering what will Christmas hold this year. Lay offs, illness, even losses of loved ones are vivid in many peoples minds.

A bright ray of hope shines over Didsbury, as the Christmas Helpers for the 21st year will bring the community together and share with our neighbors to make a visible difference.

Our goal is 90 hampers. The Christmas Helpers are again collecting toys at the Post Office, non-perishable food or money donations at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

The financial donations are used to purchase turkeys and additional food.

Thanks to all in our community who as a team have made this program a success in the past.

The reason for forming the Christmas Helpers, 21 years ago, was to bring the spirit of Christmas to those in our area, who for one reason or another are struggling each month to make ends meet. If you know of a family or individual who can use this kind of help, please phone the name and number to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 335 2629 Tuesday-Thursday from 10am to 4pm.

The hampers will be made and distributed Dec. 23. Please have the names in by Dec. 18. Wrapping gifts happens at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church at 2:00 pm Sunday Dec. 22. Everyone is welcome to help.

Thank you in advance for all the support and generosity shown to those in our town!

Sincerely,
Linda Sirr and Linda Regner

Fall convention focused on service needs of rural Albertans

Dear Editor,

Rural municipal councils just recently returned home from their annual convention, the 94th *Annual Fall Convention of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties.*

The topic that was on everyone's mind was the growing concern about the ability of rural Albertans to access necessary services at reasonable cost.

One of our councilors from northern Alberta gave eloquent voice to this concern when she suggested that rural Alberta is beginning to feel like "it does not matter", and that some provincial policy decisions "are tearing apart rural Alberta one block at a time".

I don't know if things are truly that bad, but I sure can't fault people for feeling that level of concern.

It seems that wherever we turn, rural and small town citizens are threatened with the loss of one service or another.

The most obvious and immediate example is the ongoing restructuring of the public health care system.

Rural and small-town Albertans are very concerned that the proposed restructuring of Regional Health Authorities will lead to the closure of local hospitals in many smaller centres.

Centralization of decision-making in larger RHA's may make it more difficult for remote or less-populated communities to demonstrate the importance of these facilities to decision-makers who have no connection to the local community.

Delegates to our Convention clearly felt this concern, and strongly endorsed a resolution calling on the province to tie health funding to a requirement that existing health facilities be retained.

Rural Albertans are feeling the same kinds of pressures in connection to public education, where some rural communities face the possibility of losing their schools as regional school authorities look for opportunities to reduce expenditures.

I'm told of one instance where the road leading up to a rural school was just upgraded and resurfaced at substantial expense, only to have the regional school authority now raise the possibility of closing the school.

I guess we all understand that there need to be limits on how many public dollars we spend on any particular service; but it's also fair to wonder just how many hours rural kids should have to spend on a bus each day, just to get a basic education that families in larger centres take for granted.

Education and health care aren't the only areas of concern.

Earlier this year, the province shut down or reduced services available through District Agricultural offices across the province, to the consternation of many folks in farming and ranching communities.

Meanwhile, the ongoing deregulation of electricity seems destined to lead to higher electrical costs for rural and small-town consumers.

And to top it all off, the Electoral Boundaries Commission is talking about reducing the number of elected representatives that rural communities have in the provincial legislature.

Sometimes it does feel like rural Alberta is under siege. Local municipal governments are doing everything they can, both on their own and through our Association, to reverse this trend. But in the end, it's going to be up to every individual citizen in Alberta's rural communities and small towns, to talk to your MLA's and make sure that your interests are understood and protected.

Jack Hayden,
President of AAMD&C

Website sheds light on Kyoto implications

Dear Editor,

Have you heard of the MARRAKECH AGREEMENT?

Do you know what Canada will be committing to under it by ratifying the KYOTO ACCORD now being debated in the House of Commons? If you do you are one of very few.

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Yours truly,
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- MPC: December 18, 2002
- Corporate Services: December 12, 2002
- Community Services: December 17, 2002

NOTICE

Please be advised that the Didsbury Town Council will now hold their regular council meetings every third Monday at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

•DP 101-02 104 Westpoint Place Single Family Dwelling with waivers R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **December 18, 2002** *Robert Wigg - Development Officer.*

Anti-Kyoto pamphlet mailed out by MP Thompson's office

by Richard Westlund

Wild Rose Member of Parliament Myron Thompson is encouraging his constituents to "say no to Kyoto" in a mail-out campaign.

Pamphlets entitled "Who will be hurt by Kyoto" were mailed out to constituents last week outlining the Canadian Alliances plan for climate change and why signing the Kyoto agreement will not be good for Canadians.

The pamphlet outlines the Kyoto Protocol as "about Canadians sending money to other countries to buy permission to pollute" citing emission trading.

The pamphlet states that 450,000 jobs could be lost and that because the United States hasn't signed the document, Canada will become less competitive with its southern neighbor. It claims that income tax will rise as revenues drop and that up to $45 billion could be lost to the economy.

According to the pamphlet the Canadian Alliance action plan on climate change involves "encouraging investment in, and development of, new technologies such as wind power, clean coal, photovoltaic solar, biogas, geothermal methane recovery and fuel cells."

Also included in the pamphlet was clip out that allowed constituents to vote on Kyoto, same-sex marriages and the decriminalization of marijuana.

Man charged after grizzly shooting

by Dan Singleton

A 42-year-old man has made his first court appearance after being charged following the shooting of a grizzly bear near Sundre on the Victoria Day long weekend.

Ernest McMillan of Sundre faces two charges under the Wildlife Act of illegal possession. Each charge carries a maximum fine of $2,500.

McMillan made a brief court appearance before Judge Sandra Hamilton in Didsbury provincial court on Monday, reserving his plea until Dec. 18.

A 226-kg bear was shot near the Mountain Aire Lodge, about 60 km west of Sundre, on May 17 or 18. The bear was discovered by horsemen riding in the area.

The charges followed a months-long investigation, said Sundre-based conservation officer Jim Mitchell.

Officers are continuing their investigation into the shooting, and are asking for anyone with information to contact them to phone 638-3805. A $5,000 reward remains outstanding.

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The Historical Society Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Museum in Didsbury. Address is 2120-21 Avenue. Phone 335-9295. Membership is $20.00 per year.

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Contemporary Graphics: S. Gooding
Curves: Caroline Weber
CLT Contracting Ltd.: Herman Dorin
Dicks Auto Service: Ric Arthurs
Didsbury Chiropractic Clinic: Tammy Johnson
Didsbury District Health Services: Mountainview County Food Bank
Didsbury Dollar Store: Karen Reinhardt
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Didsbury Esso: Brain Clazie
Didsbury Inn: Jennifer MacNeill
Didsbury Municipal Library: Sharon Tsiras
Didsbury Subway: Kara Wates
Fitness FX: Jeramie Heistad
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Holmes Physical Therapy Clinic: Esther Friesen
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Lifestyles

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Mike and Mark Regner pose with the trophies they have collected over the past two years. The trophy in the middle is for their fifth place finish at a recent World competition.
photo by Richard Westlund

Didsbury twins are proud to be loud

by Richard Westlund

Mark and Mike Regner are making a lot of noise in their chosen "hobby".

The Didsbury twin brothers are among the loudest in the world when it comes to the stereo competitions they compete in. Proof is a trophy recently won by the pair at the World Championships held last month in Nashville.

Team Rip Rock (the name of the twins' team) finished fifth in the world in the Extreme 1 and 2 category. The category only allows teams to use one or two subwoofers but can alter their vehicle in any way they see fit as long as it is still drivable.

Two speakers built into where a passenger seat should be in a small hatchback car was enough to propel the duo to a top-eight finish, which was their goal.

But while loud is the goal, it is not necessarily the reason for the Regner twins. The work in creating a car that is competitive takes patience, experience and a knowledge of physics. It is that challenge which is addictive for the brothers who have a basement full of trophies for their efforts over the past two years.

"It's not necessarily about being loud. It is about the challenge of staying on top," said Mike adding that the competition gets louder and louder every year.

The Regner's modified Civic includes two-inch plexi-glass in place of windows to protect against potential sound damage.

His brother said that new innovations are needed to stay competitive from year to year as competitions get louder and louder.

Through dials and buttons mounted on the trunk of the vehicle, the sound system is controlled. The vehicles is filled with wood that is treated so it won't absorb sound and the windows were replaced with two inch thick plexi-glass so they wouldn't shatter from the sound.

Clamps are put on the doors to keep them from blowing open. The goal is to keep as much of the sound as possible in the car.

Because changes will need to be made to stay competitive for next year, the car was gutted when it arrived back in Didsbury and the Regners are toying with the idea of using cement rather than wood to help sound stay in the vehicle next year.

"Every thing we put in the car is tested. If we put something in and it isn't helping the sound we remove it immediately," said Mike.

Mike said there is always debate about what the twins do is a sport or a hobby. He says it is an expensive hobby. Stereo equipment costs thousands of dollars as does a machine that measures the decibels in the vehicle the two bought to monitor their progress. Money is saved and old equipment is sold to help purchase something new and the brothers have been committed enough to compete with people who run speaker stores and have teams as big as 15.

> ***"It's not necessarily about being loud. It is about the challenge of staying on top."***
> - Mike Regner

But where money is a disadvantage the two make it up with innovation and hard work. When the two aren't at work or sleeping they can usually be found in their garage working on their car. In fact the interview they gave the Review interrupted time that would be spent on making the car louder.

And winning is nice. But the two maintain they have gotten more out of the competitions than that. They have met people around the world and now have countless friends with similar stereo interests.

"It's really about the fun," says Mark.

Action on Energy

A Progress Report from Alberta's Oil and Gas Industry

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Bottom line on stewardship

BEGINNING IN 2003, ALL CANADIAN Association of Petroleum Producer (CAPP) members must participate in the association's Stewardship initiative which encourages member companies to continually improve their environmental, health, safety and social performance and to report their progress to the public.

The move to industry-wide reporting under CAPP's Stewardship initiative gives everyone a simple way to track, compare and improve their performance. When a company sees where it stands in relation to industry leaders, it is motivated to improve its own operations. Accurate measuring is a first step, but Stewardship is about much more than numbers— it is an attitude, a way of behaving.

The intent is to ensure continuous improvement of industry's programs and activities, in order that they meet or surpass government and industry standards and reflect our stakeholder's expectations.

CAPP President Pierre Alvarez says, "Our members are working harder than ever to improve and measure their environmental, health, safety and social performance, and we are making those results available to anyone who is interested. People can see for themselves how much progress is being made on issues we all care about while still meeting the energy needs of Canadians."

"The public is looking for reassurance that members of the oil and gas industry are serious about developing our resources in ways that respect local communities and the natural environment," says Neil McCrank, chairman, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

The bottom line is that Stewardship is about changing behaviour for the better.

Oil and natural gas companies regularly conduct water quality tests to ensure they are meeting their environmental commitments.

Industry has its ducks in a row

"IF YOU'RE A DUCK, ALBERTA IS A VERY good place to be."

That's what Rick Harland of Ducks Unlimited Canada has to say. Rick and his colleagues conserve waterfowl habitat throughout the province. Some 600,000 acres fall under their watchful eye in southern Alberta alone.

The oil and natural gas industry is often their partner. Near Brooks, for example, EnCana spent $200,000 to relocate its pipelines so that Ducks Unlimited could construct irrigation ditches that feed vital wetlands.

In Alberta's boreal forest, where waterfowl biology is poorly understood, Ducks Unlimited works with Syncrude and others to study wetland ecosystems. This is an initial step toward developing resource management plans.

EnCana and Syncrude are just two oil and gas companies working hard to conserve and protect Alberta's water. Commitment to the province's water supply goes beyond conservation projects, to how water is used by the industry.

As an example, in agricultural areas petroleum companies have reduced their use of groundwater for injection by more than half - replacing it with undrinkable saline or recycled water. Though industry is allowed to use up to three per cent of the water that is licensed by the province, it actually uses less than 1.5 per cent.

The oil and natural gas industry shares Albertans' concerns about water use and is committed to responsible water management.

Following the herd for hard answers

THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE in 200 herds from Saskatchewan to British Columbia are going to help answer the question: does natural gas flaring affect herd health?

Livestock grazing next to oil and gas facilities is a common sight in Alberta. Sometimes ranchers whose cattle have health problems wonder if there's a connection. The Western Inter-Provincial Scientific Study Association (WISSA) is now collecting information from farmers, ranchers and local veterinarians across the West, as well as doing wildlife and air monitoring research to answer that question.

General manager Gary Sargent at the Alberta Cattle Commission is optimistic about the study. "Producers have been concerned for years that there may be a connection between emissions and herd health. WISSA should give us some reliable answers about cause and effect."

Dr. Ole Nielsen, co-chair of WISSA's highly respected Science Advisory Panel, says, "As a veterinary pathologist, I am confident that the study will provide conclusive findings because of the wide geographic distribution and large number of animals being researched."

WISSA is funded by the governments of B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the Alberta Cattle Commission, and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

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A family or organization can call and ask to be matched with a family who has been nominated for the program. The adopters are given only information of the family that they are adopting such as family members, gender and ages (and gift ideas if available) - no names or personal information is divulged. The adopters then help to make the holiday season brighter for the family being adopted by means such as presents, gift certificates, etc.

It is totally up to the adopting family/organization of what and how much they give to their matched adopted family. The adopting family then brings their package(s) to the Town of Didsbury Community Services Department where a delivery date can be coordinated with the family being adopted.

You may have seen this program advertised earlier with a matching deadline of December 6 and are thinking this is cutting it short.

Although the deadline was set for December 6, in years past, there has always been an opportunity for a few last minute matches pending availability of either/or adopters or adoptees. Therefore, if you are reading this and thinking that you would like to participate in a program such as this - through adopting a family, through nominating a family or through volunteering, please call Alana at the Community Services Department at 335-7369.

FCSS funds available

The Town of Didsbury Family and Community Support Services Board endeavors to enhance family and community life by improving individuals' ability to identify and act on their own needs, help avert family and community breakdown and help prevent small problems from turning into crisis. The Board works towards this goal through the acknowledgement and funding of services and projects:

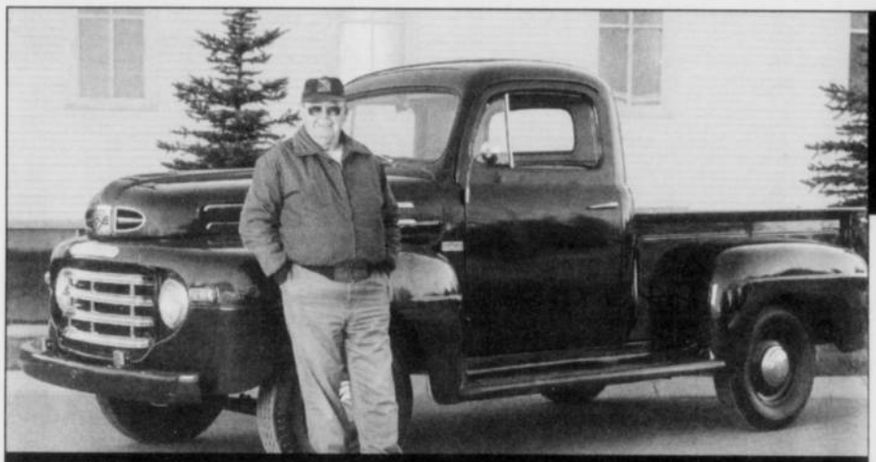
- that promote the social development of children and their families,
- that enrich and strengthen family life
- that enhance the quality of life of the retired and semi-retired; and
- that promote, encourage, and support volunteer work in the community

The Didsbury FCSS Board annually receives funding from the Province of Alberta that is made available to Didsbury & District community groups through an application process. This funding is available to groups that fit into the above services and/or projects and initiatives.

If you think that your group is eligible to receive an FCSS funding grant, please pick up an application at the Didsbury Town Office or call the Community Services Department for more information at 335-3391.

The application deadline is December 31st and those that are received by that date will receive first consideration for funding; however, applications are received on an ongoing basis after December 31, and funding will continue as long as it is available.

Applications are to be submitted to Didsbury Community Services at the Town Office.



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AROUND THE CIRCLE

BMX track open house Dec. 7

by Marge St. Clair

Correction - If you are dropping off clothing for the Knox Thrift Shop on days that the store is not open, please go to the lane behind the store and leave the bags beside the shed (the shed is locked at all times) or in the drop-in bin being built.

Wed. Dec. 4

A very important meeting to discuss the issue of students crossing the busy streets near the schools in Didsbury is being held at 7:00 p.m. at the RCMP building. All interested parents, grandparents, whomever please try to attend with your suggestions to get some control in place before there is a tragedy.

Wed. Dec. 4

The annual general meeting of the Didsbury Golf Club is being held at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Elections of officers, financial statements, etc. Everyone welcome.

Thurs. Dec. 5

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet today in the Assembly Room at the Hospital at 1:30 p.m. New members always welcome.

Sat. Dec. 7

Show your support to the Carstairs I.O.D.E. by attending their Christmas Bake Sale at the Carstairs Thrift Shop from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lots of articles to choose from, gift wrapping on certain purchases, everyone welcome. Marie at 337-2854 has more details.

The Didsbury Ag. Society will not have a meeting in December. The annual general meeting is scheduled for Sun. Jan. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Curling Rink.

Sat. Dec. 7

There will be an open house from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the BMX Track in the Livestock Pavilion. All local children can ride free after a waiver is signed. More information on starting a local club and a summer track will be forth coming.

On Sun. Dec. 8 racing will start. Registration is from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. and races start at 11:00 a.m. Come and view this exciting new sport.

Sun. Dec. 8

All former residents of the Westerdale district are invited to meet Santa at the Westerdale Hall starting at 12:30 p.m. A pot luck dinner, please bring a meat dish and salad or dessert and a Christmas party to follow. For more info please phone 335-4560.

Sun. Dec. 8

The Christmas Concert will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Westcott Community Hall. Pot luck supper to follow, everyone welcome.

Sun. Dec. 8

The annual Christmas Carol Fest will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. Lunch to follow, everyone welcome.

Mon. Dec. 9

The Didsbury Lifeline Society will meet at the Town Office at 10:00 a.m.

Tues. Dec. 10

This is the morning of the Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Special music, speaker and feature. Please phone Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765 for reservations. Free babysitting is supplied by the club.

Wed. Dec. 11

Circle this date for the Christmas Pot Luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre, the turkey is supplied. Bring your favorite salad, veggies or dessert and enjoy!

Thurs. Dec. 12

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Social at Eldon Foote Hall (train station). Meet and Greet 5:45 p.m., turkey dinner commences 6:15 p.m. R.S.V.P. & payments to Joelle 335-3265 (leave message) or Val 335-0064 by Dec. 6. Please bring a donation to the Food Bank.

Tues. Dec. 17

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Dragon's Den - volleyball wraps up

On Saturday November 23rd, Didsbury High School hosted the Sr. Boys zones volleyball playdowns for 2A schools. Eight teams from Oyen to Banff and Didsbury to Okotoks (Strathcona-Tweedmuir) were in attendance to earn the right to represent the zone at Provincials. The caliber of volleyball was exceptional throughout the day. Didsbury boys made the playoffs bowing out to Three Hills in the quarter-finals. The final was played between Prairie High School and South Central High School(Oyen) with the team from Oyen prevailing. The coaches would like to thank all the parents for their support and volunteer work.

The Magic of Christmas was in the air last week when fifty shoeboxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child. A warm thanks to all who generously donated to this worthy cause!

DIDSBURY OUTLAWS

Club learns more about their horses at clinic

by Jodi-Lynn Krebs

On November 3, 2002 at the Caluori Pavilion in Olds we had a TPR Clinic. At that time, we took our horse temperature, pulse and respiratory.

Dr. Laureen Hall of Krebs & Co. Veterinary helped us and talked to us about various things and answered any questions or concerns we had about our horses.

We also had a grooming display, and did some flexing exercises. Thanks to all who help out and made that day an informative one. November 12 we gathered at the Rosebud Community Hall. At that time we reviewed old and new business. Talked of having a bottle / battery drive, discussed upcoming various dates and events, our Christmas party will be Dec. 9 in Olds. A reminder to Club member of the Open rides in Olds on Thursday nights.

Thank You to Tammy and Mary-Ellen for the tack cleaning demo. Our photographers are now Kayla S., Jessie W. and Jenni N. and District Rep. is Jenni N. Until next month take care.

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Focus on the Family

QUESTION: My husband, Wally, is an alcoholic, but he isn't willing to admit he has a problem. He won't even talk about it. Tell me what I should do now.

DR. DOBSON: First, let me tell you what you should not do and what is generally unhelpful.

(1) Do not nag, complain, scream, cry, beg, plead, embarrass or label your husband. He has a disease that he can't control. It is not within his power to overcome it alone.

(2) Do not protect him by lying to his boss, covering for his irresponsibility, bailing him out of jail and paying his bills. A person who tries to rescue the alcoholic is called an enabler, and she may actually prolong and worsen the problem.

(3) Though opinions differ, most authorities do not look on alcoholism as a character weakness or a moral problem. It may have been a moral problem during earlier days when the person chose to drink excessively. But later, it was not his desire to hurt his family, stay in a drunken stupor, waste his money, etc. The alcoholic has long since lost his capacity for voluntary action.

(4) Do not perpetuate your husband's problem for your own selfish reasons. It is not uncommon for family members to resist treatment for what may be unconscious motives. For example, a woman whose husband is usually drunk has power over her family. She is the unrivaled boss — the one who controls the money and makes all of her family's decisions. As her alcoholic husband begins to recover, she may realize she is losing her power and move to sabotage his rehabilitation. Guard against those subtle forces that may undermine recovery in your home.

QUESTION: OK, I know what not to do. Now tell me how to get help for my family.

DR. DOBSON: It is virtually impossible to deal with this problem without outside help. In a very real sense, the entire family shares the sickness of the alcoholic. They are affected by rage, depression, disillusionment, despair, financial fear, denial, low self-esteem and myriad other emotions that accompany this illness. They are wounded in spirit and need the loving concern of those who have been there. Even if an alcoholic does recover on his or her own, a relapse is almost certain unless the family has been treated too.

That family assistance is available through an organization called Al-Anon, which provides a support program for the families of alcoholics. Pauline and Bob, a couple who appeared on one of my radio broadcasts, credit Al-Anon with saving their family and perhaps Bob's life. Pauline says: "After refusing to attend for a year, I went to Al-Anon in desperation and finally began to get the answers I needed. I'll never forget the first night. They gave no sympathy and no advice. They just shared their experience, their strength and their hope. I latched onto it with everything I had and within a few weeks, things began to change for me.

Al-Anon directed me toward God and helped me to get my eyes off myself and on Him. Then they taught me how to deal with Bob." Bob's comments about Al-Anon are even more dramatic. He said: "If you really want to mess up an alcoholic's drinking fun, just get his spouse involved in Al-Anon. Pauline changed her approach in three ways and it bugged me like crazy.

(1) Whereas she previously poured my booze down the drain, she stopped doing that or anything else to keep me from drinking. I really wondered if she loved me anymore. "

(2) On Mondays, I would ask her to call the office and tell them that I had the flu. She had always done that for me. But after going to Al-Anon, she would simply smile and say, 'No, you'll have to do that yourself.'

(3) She seemed to be calmer, more in control. Before, I would come home from drinking with the guys and look for an excuse to leave again. All I had to do was pick a fight with Pauline and then say, 'All right, if that's the way you are going to act, I'll just take off.' Now, she gets in this Al-Anon thing and instead of trying to hold me at home, she smiles and says, 'So long. I'm going to a meeting.'"

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CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Olds Koinonia presents farce on Dickens' Christmas Carol

by April C.D. Barton

The Drama Department at Olds Koinonia Christian School is setting the stage for its festive production of *A Dickens' Christmas Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultous Acts*.

Written by Mark Landon Smith, this hilarious version of Dickens' classic portrays the Styckes-Upon-Thump Repertory Company's 15th Annual Farewell Tour of *A Christmas Carol*.

Everything that can go wrong does as the unsuspecting actors fall prey to jealousies and egos, unknown lines and a wobbly set.

Karlene Algra, OKCS' Grade 10 homeroom and Drama teacher describes the 90-minute play as "fun for the whole family."

"It's a farce, it's a different style of production in that the humor brings out the unique characteristics of some of our actors/students," she said, adding that it was for that very reason this play was chosen.

Seven drama students from Grades 8 and 12 were chosen for the Dickens' production following auditions earlier this fall.

Since then the group have been rehearsing as many as four to five nights a week. Students from Grades 8, 11 and 12 are also involved in the backdrops and props.

Dates for the performance are December 5, 6 and 7th with the ruckus beginning nightly at 7:30 p.m. As well, there will be a matinee performance on December 7th beginning at 2 p.m.

Tickets for this show are just $6 for adults, $4 for students and $2 for children (age 10 and under).

A dessert social at 7 p.m. will be held before each evening performance. The cost for dessert and coffee is $2.50, with proceeds going to the OKCS Building Fund Following Saturday's matinee performance, patrons are invited to join the actors for ice cream sundaes.

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How to be Second Best at the losing game

It's been close to three years since David Mill first set foot into the weekly meeting place for TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Didsbury Hospital - a ritual he has kept alive each week despite having become a shadow of his former self.

It's a condition he wears proudly since dropping nearly 50 pounds of excess weight with the help of the province-wide support group and one that has ranked him as the runner up for TOPS King last year. "I used to eat way too much fat," admits Mill, now a slim 163.5 pounds. "...now I just try to control myself better. Not so many hamburgers and french fries; that kind of thing."

In addition to markedly changing the quantity of fat he consumed, Mill also began to search for an activity that would get and keep him moving. "I walk for exercise almost every morning. Just a little at first, but now I can do four miles in one hour."

It hasn't always been easy for Mill to stick to a healthy diet and exercise regime. Long hours working for Canadian Pacific Railway (a position from which he has since retired) forced him to forgo exercise as a viable option in the evenings or mornings. "I used to come home and just spend the evenings eating way too much," says Mill. "Now if I find I'm overeating with the main course, I skip desserts; that kind of thing. You just have to learn to ignore stuff."

Mill's success with TOPS has earned him runner-up as the group's "King" for 2002 and Division winner for 2001. Though he currently stands just three-and-a-half pounds from his goal weight, Mill continues to take part in weekly support and information sessions. "I really enjoy going to the meetings. It helps a lot."

David Mill

Instead of gaining weight, be a loser this Christmas

Bonny Howard

Don't spend another Christmas hiding behind the tree the minute someone takes out their camera.

Bonny Howard has a better way to ring in the holidays. Why not with a slimmer, trimmer, healthier looking body? Howard believes it's one Christmas gift that you can treasure all year round with the help of the Didsbury TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter - a local weight loss support and information group that she leads each Wednesday night out of the Adult Day Support Room at the Hospital.

"The meetings are motivational and supportive," explains the Group's Co-Leader, Stacey Hickock. "We try to promote more of a lifestyle change rather than rapid weight loss. Everybody there has done yo-yo dieting and we've all been there trying to lose weight."

Howard says there's little doubt the holidays are one of the most difficult times for any individual trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The stress of upcoming shopping trips, parties, family gatherings and other social events often make it easy to abandon even the best laid eating plans. "It is a challenge, there's no doubt...but what we try to promote to our members is an increased consciousness of our choices. For example, if you know you are going out to a party, try and eat before you leave your home to avoid overindulging...or if you are planning a trip to the mall, pack along some healthy snacks to avoid resorting to the food court area."

Above all, Hickock says, stay positive. "You can get through this season without packing on a lot of pounds. Remember, the only person you are cheating is yourself."

Anyone interested in joining TOPS in Didsbury is invited to come out to the group's Wednesday night meetings at 7:00 pm at the Adult Day Support Room in the Didsbury Hospital. For more information, call TOPS Leader Bonny Howard at 335-9155.

BMX is catching on in Didsbury

BMX enthusiasts in Didsbury are receiving a special invitation to try out the unique indoor bike track located at the Agricultural Society's Livestock Pavilion.

This Saturday, December 7th will be the Official Open House for the Indoor BMX Track. Although the dirt-laid track has been in place for a few weeks now this will be the first time local BMX riders of all ages are being invited to test drive the course for themselves free of charge.

Ag Society President, Wes Thomas, says riders need only sign a day waiver upon arrival before heading out of the starting gate on their way to a unique and exciting ride. "Local residents should take this prime opportunity to view this facility. It's all right here in our backyard and is something other communities definitely don't have yet...especially during the winter."

The Didsbury and District Agricultural Society is leasing the use of the Livestock Pavilion to the Airdrie BMX Club over the winter months for practice and competitions.

The track is cited as one-of-a-kind anywhere in the province.

Santa Claus will make a special stop at Westerdale Hall

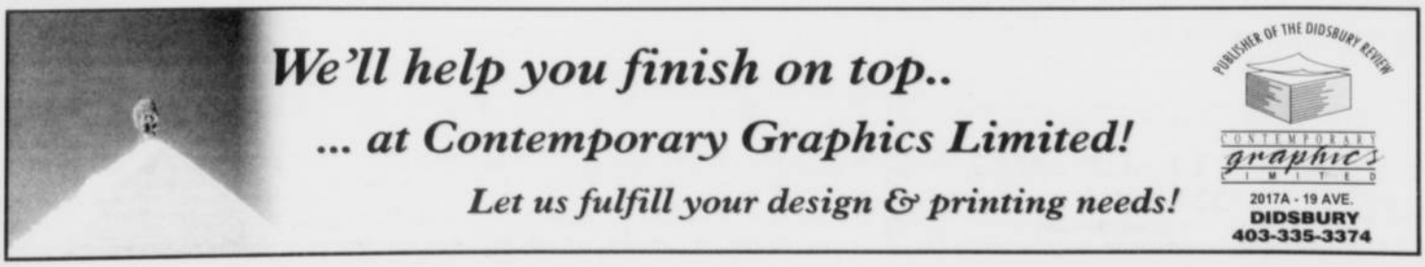
Santa may be busy this time of year, but he will still find the time to stop at Westerdale Hall this Sunday, December 8th for the Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Christmas Party.

The festive event is set to begin at 12:30 pm with the wide selection of holiday cooking available at the potluck dinner. Rita Krebs helps organize the event each year and says there's always a good selection from which to choose. "Everyone is asked to bring a meat dish and salad or dessert. We always get a nice mixture of food. It's always very good."

After dinner comes the entertainment, in true old-fashioned vaudeville-style. "The children are invited to go up on stage, if they so choose, and perform," explains Krebs. "It's great fun and there's quite a good variety of things that they do...anything from playing the piano, to singing, to doing skits. It's really good, old-fashioned entertainment."

Without fail, Santa is scheduled to arrive soon after with treats for the kids and lots of laughs for all.

Anyone interested in attending the Party can do so by phoning 335-4560. "It's good to know how many kids are coming so Santa is prepared."



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Didsbury cowboy qualifies for NFR

by Barry Williams

Five Canadian cowboys have qualified for the National Finals Rodeo being held in Las Vegas, Nevada from Dec. 5-14.

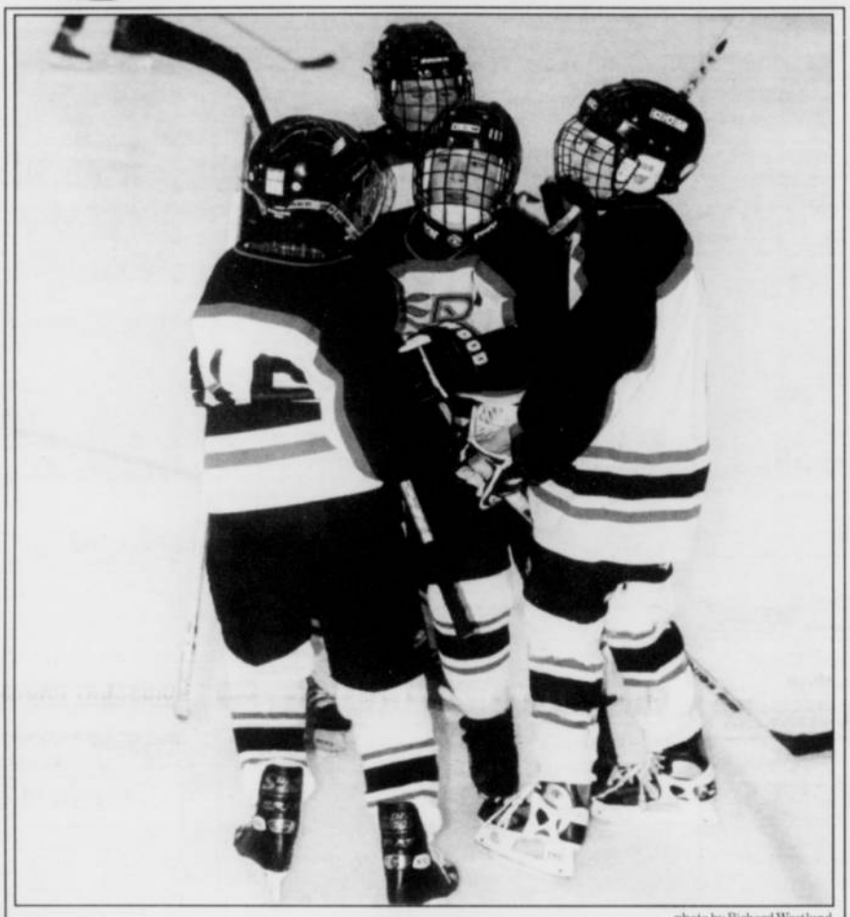
Three cowboys are bronc riders while, the other two are steer wrestlers. For the first time in several years, Canadian bull riders and calf ropers failed to earn a spot in this year's NFR. The Canadian contingent is headed by Didsbury saddle bronc rider, Glen O'Neill. Last year at the NFR, sponsored by Wrangler, O'Neill finished second in the Jack Daniel's /Professional Cowboys' Association World Standings, just $1,000 behind champion Tom Reeves of Eagle Butte, South Dakota. An Australian born cowboy, O'Neill has nodded his head at the NFR seven consecutive times and has finished within the top five on every outing. After being granted landed immigrant status, O'Neill won the Canadian Professional Rodeo Championship in 2000. This year at the CFR in Edmonton he placed third. In his first year on the professional rodeo trail in North America, 1997, O'Neill was named the PRCA Rookie of the Year and he also claimed the $50,000 purse at the Calgary Stampede. On the PRCA rodeo scene O'Neill finished the season in second place with $139, 909 in earnings. On the Canadian rodeo scene, O'Neill shares the CPRA record for the highest marked ride of 95.5 with Doug Vold. O'Neill marked the score aboard Franklin Rodeo's Airwolf in 1996 at the Daines Ranch Rodeo held in Innisfail. Joining O'Neill in the saddle bronc chutes will be Rod Hay, of Wildwood, AB and Rod Warren of Big Valley, AB.

In the bull dogging event Lee Graves, of Calgary and Curtis Cassidy, of Donalda, AB will be vying for a world title in the steer wrestling event.

Hay won his sixth Canadian saddle bronc title three weeks ago in Edmonton and will be appearing at his 12th NFR.

A three-time winner of the Calgary Stampede, Hay was named the PRCA Rookie of the Year in 1986 and has finished as high as second at the NFR a couple of times.

At the NFR he has rode over half of his mounts and has always been one of the favorites at the year end rodeo.



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Celebration

Didsbury's pee wee team celebrates a goal in their game against Cremona in an Olds tournament this weekend. Didsbury finished the event undefeated and won their portion of the tournament.

Grizzlys break out against Bandits

by Barry Williams

The Olds Grizzlys broke out of a three game winless streak by downing the Brooks Bandits 6-2 in Alberta Junior Hockey League action at the Olds Sportsplex on Wed. Nov.20.

The league's number one power play went to work during the contest as Jimmy Kerr, Brett Hopfe and Scott Kalinchuk dented the twine with a man advantage.

Other Grizzlys' goals came off the sticks of Paul Bradley, Rob Cowan and Colby Virostek.

For the Bandits, Steven Houghden and Nicholas Givitarese blinked the red light behind Grizzlys netminder, Jordan Ramstead, who played a solid game between the pipes making 21 saves.

Ramstead, although not overly busy, made several key saves when the Grizzlys held a slim one goal margin.

Holding the majority of play, the Grizzlys fired 42 shots at Bandits' goalie Ryan Martin. Despite allowing six goals, Martin made several brilliant saves during the game keeping the score from being a blow out.

According to Grizzlys' Head Coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, the victory over the Bandits should restore the players' confidence and put them in a positive frame of mind heading into a few days off.

"Most of the players have been frustrated the past few games," said Cox, indicating their scoring opportunities were going by the wayside.

Against the Bandits, the effort was fairly solid as the Grizzlys played an aggressive game in the Bandits' end.

Their tenacious forechecking and crushing hits along the boards enabled them to pounce on loose pucks and create scoring chances.

During recent practices, Cox indicated the coaching staff was working on offensive end play, concentrating on keeping things simple through forechecking and finishing off checks.

"I thought the forwards created their own chances tonight by forcing the Bandits' defencemen," Cox said, noting the only way to score goals is by keeping control of the puck.

Defensively, the blue liners punished the Bandit forwards with crushing checks forcing them to give up the puck.

With veterans TJ Pettersen and Rob Cowan back in the lineup, the defensive play improved.

Except for one bad game against the league's overall leaders, the Canmore Eagles, the Grizzlys' rearguards have played consistently.

With most of the games being wide open affairs with lots of scoring, Cox believes a team with a good defensive core will be successful.

"Give the players credit, they remained fairly positive during the recent slump and worked hard to reverse it," Cox concluded.

Colts lose two games on the weekend

The Mountain View Colts dropped two games to North division opponents on the weekend.

After losing 8-2 to the Lacomber Wranglers, the junior B team was edged 4-3 by the Stettler Lightning.

Dustin Hurd scored both Colt goals against the Wranglers while Wade Ogle and Curtis Goulet picked up assists.

Richard Cramer scored a goal while Ryan Kallis had two in the Colt's second loss.

Dan Lemieux, Matt Wright and Ogle had single assists in the contest.

A short bench in Stettler hurt the Colts, especially in the third period.

The colts play two games on the weekend. On Friday night the Colts will meet Lacombe and on Saturday they will face Stettler. Both games are in Didsbury and start at 8 p.m.

Bulldogs come up short in Carstairs

Despite a solid effort by all 13 players, the novice Bulldogs came up short in Carstairs this past weekend.

Maija Lappalla found the net by driving to it and stopping. Her goal was assisted by Josh Steward and Taylor Allen.

Mike Northcott was rewarded with the other goal by solid teamwork. Assists were credited to Josh Steward and Shauni Hasselberg.

Carly Whittleton was solid in goal and received player of the game honours. Next action is at home vs. Olds 1 at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 7/02.

Submit your teams game stories to the Didsbury Review. myreview@airenet.com Stories should be at the office first thing on Monday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARD OF THANKS

Special thanks to friends and family who spent their love and support through cards, food, flowers and prayer in the passing of our mom, wife, and grandma, Diana Jean Miller. Thank-you to Dr. Putts, Dr. Vervaeck and the nursing staff at the Didsbury Hospital. Thanks alot to Dr. Morris and the staff at the Tom Baker Cancer Center. Special thanks to Rev. Nancy Nourse for your kind & compassionate service. Everyone's kind words, thoughts and prayers will be treasured and remembered during this great loss to our family.

Gary Miller, Todd, Wade, Stephanie, Shawn, Anje, Mytayla, Jaedan, Doug, Darlene, Miranda & Tyson

The family of the late Doug Artindale would like to send their heartfelt thanks to all those who called, sent flowers and food during our sudden loss. To Pastor Sikstrom for his comforting words and the ladies from the ZEMC for their luncheon, thank you. We take great comfort knowing we have special friends who care. God bless you all.

Linda, Madelaine, Angela, Mike, Amber & Megan

I'd like to thank my family, relatives, friends & neighbors for all of the kindnesses shown before, during & after my surgery. Many thanks to all for the visits, cards, flowers and food brought to the house.

As ever,

Gertie Sutherland.

A special thank you to Corporal Laing of the Calgary RCMP and Constable Lippai of the Didsbury RCMP, the town of Didsbury, Remax Real Estate, The Didsbury Review and all the volunteers who helped to make the "Seniors Fraud Awareness Info Session" such an interesting and informative afternoon.

Didsbury & District Seniors Support Services.

The families of the late Emerson McInnes of Didsbury would like to thank the EMS team and the Didsbury fire department for the speedy response and excellent care given to Emerson McInnes. We would also like to extend our thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, cards and the many friends who dropped in to visit. It was very much appreciated.

Gladys McInnes, Lorna Reese and families and Rhonda Roberts and families.

Shirley & Herman Dorin & family wish to thank our neighbors & friends for their support during our recent bereavement. Your condolences were a comfort to us. May God bless you all.

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Wannamaker: In loving memory of a dear son and brother Daryl Dean who passed away December 7, 1986
Softly the leaves of memory fall
Gently we gather and treasure them all
Please God forgive a silent tear
A constant wish that he were here
May the winds of love blow gently
And whisper so he can hear
That we'll always love and miss him
And wish that he were here.
Ever loved by Dad, Mom, Rick, Dena & family, Darwin, Diane & family, Greg, Myrna & family.

Fulkerth -In memory of my dear son Bernie (Biggie) who passed away December 8th, 1994

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Mother. Lillian Fulkerth

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To us you were so special
What more is there to say,
Except to wish with all our hearts
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Always remembered & sadly missed by Fred & Rita (Mom & Dad), Don, Scott, Brad & &Jacki

OBITUARY

Miller, Diana Jean (nee Havervold) passed away November 17th, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer. Diana was born in Frontier, Saskatchewan on June 18th, 1941 to Veronica and Paul Havervold. Diana was raised in Frontier, Saskatchewan. On December 15th, 1961 she married Gary Miller. Four children were born in Calgary and in 1976 they moved to Didsbury. Diana loved family life and treasured many, many happy moments with Gary, her children and her grandchildren. She loved kids and will be sadly missed. Diana is survived by her husband of 40 years; Gary Miller, son todd Miller of Airdrie, son Wade Miller of Airdrie, son Shawn (Anje) Miller of Didsbury and daughter Darlene (Doug) Newton also of Didsbury. As well as five special grandchildren; Stephanie Miller, Miranda & Tyson Newton and Mytayla & Jaedan M iller of all Didsbury. Diane is also survived by six brothers, two sisters and numerous nieces & nephews. Diane is predeceased by her mother and father Veronica & Paul Havervold, brother Ken Havervold, niece Carla Havervold, sister Verna McNaught and father-in-law Bert Miller. Funeral service took place at the Knox United Church on November 21st, 2002.

ROBERTS - Mr. Robert (Bob) Roberts beloved husband of Mrs. Lucille Roberts passed away at the Sundre Hospital on November 22, 2002. Besides his loving wife, Bob is survived by seven children, two sons, Bud (Karla) Crosbie, Wayne (Sheila) Roberts and five daughters, Janet (Leonard) Phillips, Donna (Murray) Ross, Linda (Joey) Chabillon, Wendy (Bill) Samoisette, Brenda (Jack) Beaton, twenty grandchildren and thirty-four great grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister Lilly Bauman, brother in law Mervyn Russel, sister in law Darlene Clazie, numerous nieces and nephews and his faithful pal "Rex". Bob was born and raised in the Lethbridge are, then moving to the Crowsnest Pass, and settling in the Cremona area in 1969. For the past 30 years Bob was the host of his famous "Branding Party" for his family and extended family. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Irvine and Dr. Handsbergen. Also the nurses at the Sundre Hospital for their care and compassion shown to Bob and his family. No formal service by request. A celebration of Bob's Life was held at his home on Wednesday November 27, 2002 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to the Sundre Hospital (Bag 3, 709 - 1st N.E., Sundre, Alberta T0M 1X0). As a memorial tribute to Robert Roberts a tree will be planted in the Tree Memorial Park (Olds) by OLDS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORIUM; 5303 - 50th Ave. Olds, Alberta..

McInnes, Emerson Allen - Emerson Allen McInnes of Didsbury, beloved husband of Gladys, passed away suddenly at home on November 22, 2002 at the age of 92 years. Besides his wife he is survived by his daughters Lorna Reese (Larry Deering) of Lethbridge and Rhonda (Brian) Roberts of Didsbury, five grandchildren: Lorraine (Darren) Marsden, Marilyn (Garrett) Komm, Darlene Klein, Gregory Roberts and Karen Roberts as well as four great-grandchildren, his sister Hazel Casey and her family of Edmonton. He was predeceased by his parents, Allen and Jessie, brother Walter, sister-in-law Mildred, son-in-law, John Reese and nephew Allen Casey. Emerson was born on the farm west of Didsbury on May 22, 1910 and was married to Gladys Sayers on April 13, 1939 in Calgary. Emerson and Gladys farmed until 1976 when they moved to Didsbury. He was very active with King Hiram Masonic Lodge having been initiated in June 1938. He was a past master of that Lodge (1946) and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta (1961 - 62). He was a very proud life-time member of the Masonic Fraternity having received his 60-year bar in 1998. Funeral service was held at Knox United Church in Didsbury on Wednesday, November 27 at 2 p.m. with interment following in the Didsbury Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Shriners' Children's Hospital or to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Mountain View Funeral Chapels are in charge of arrangements.

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Meeting
Annual General meeting of the Didsbury Agricultural Society to be held Jan. 5, 2003 in the Curling Rink lounge at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested welcome to attend.

Christmas Carol-Fest
St. Anthony's Annual Christmas Carol Fest Sun. Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m at St. Anthony's Church. Lunch to follow. Everyone welcome. Admission free.

Christmas Concert
Westcott Community Hall Christmas Concert on Dec. 8/02 at 5:00. Pot luck supper. Everyone welcome.

Meeting
Regular meeting of the Didsbury Lifeline Society on Monday, December 9 at 10 a.m. at Town Office.

DIDSBURY

Christmas Banquet
Mountain View Community Christmas Banquet on Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Lone Pine Hall featuring "Four Across". For tickets please call Glenda Milne 335-9953 or Vern McMann 335-4436. Hosted by Mountian View Evangelical Missionary Church.

Christmas Dinner
Five-0 Club Christmas Dinner at the 5-0 Centre on Decmber 11 at 12:30 p.m. Turkey supplied. Please bring vegetable, salad or dessert. Price $3.00 each.

Breakfast
Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast on Dec. 10 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Topic "Imagine a Gift Like That".

DIDSBURY

Bus Trip
See the Christmas lights in Red Deer on Dec. 18, 2002. Cost is $10.00. Bus leaves 5-0 Club at 4:00 p.m. Supper in Red Deer (not included). Call Bea - 335-3058 or Gen - 335-3449.

Photography
A group of photo enthusiasts have started a photo club which meets the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

Westerdale
Santa is coming to Westerdale Dec. 8 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome to our pot luck dinner & Christmas party. Please bring a meat dish and salad or dessert. For more info call 335-4560.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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RECYCLING DEPOT
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CARSTAIRS TOPS
Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7 -8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY
Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS
"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM
New Winter hours: Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILY RESOURCE ASSOCIATION
Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Only meeting held in Dec. will be Wed. Dec. 4th in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
General Meeting- Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S
Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING
Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

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TOY LIBRARY
Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT
Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE
King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular meetings at 8 p. m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING
St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY
Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO
Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL
The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS
Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

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INFORMATION
Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE
Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB
Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION
The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES
Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING
Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN
Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesay 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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Olds Legion #105 will be busy during holiday season

by Marge St.Clair

Entertainment

Dec 6 & 7 - Single Handed
Dec 13 & 14 - Karen Churchill
Dec 20 & 21 - Don & Teri Guenthier
Dec 27 & 28 & 31 Silk and Steel

Seniors Christmas Party- Thurs. Dec 12 in the Legion Hall. Cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner 6:30 pm, Dancing to follow, Entertainment - Happy Hans & Lauren, tickets available now.

Saturday Dec 14 - Meat Draw & Horse Race Appreciation night 5:00 pm.

Sun. Dec 15 - Children's Christmas Party - 12:00 noon in the Legion Hall

Free hotdogs & chocolate milk. 2:00 pm Santa will arrive.

New Years Eve Party - Tues. Dec. 31

Cocktails 8:00 pm, dance 9:00 pm, lunch at 11:00 pm. Entertainment Silk & Steel Party favors & door prizes.

Coming Events

Every Mon- Shuffleboard - 1:00 pm Cribbage - 7:30 pm

Every Wed- Bingo - 7:15 pm, Darts 7:30 pm

Every Thurs. -Shuffleboard - 7:00 pm Bridge - 7:30 pm, Old Tyme Jam Session 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

Every Friday - Buffet 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Trivia 6:00 pm

Every Saturday- Meat Draws and horse races - 5:00 pm

The Legion will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.